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Response of Turkish Coalition of America to Complainant's Amendment

Dear Mr. Jordan:

On February 10, 2012 Respondent Turkish Coalition of America ("TCA") received a February 8 letter from the FEC attaching an amendment to the Complaint. TCA hereby responds.

Complainant's amendment is principally an exercise in rhetoric, adding nothing new or useful to the record. It is directed at Rep. Schmidt and is largely irrelevant to TCA. Therefore, the validity and force of the arguments made by TCA in its initial response, dated September 26, 2011, are not diminished by the amendment and need not be restated here. Relying more on innuendo than the law, the amendment suggests that the Schmidt campaign's mere request for an advisory opinion constitutes an admission that it received illegal campaign contributions. TCA perceives no such admission. Further, as elaborated in TCA's initial response, TCA has never made a campaign contribution of any sort to Rep. Schmidt according to governing law and regulation. And finally, TCA confirms that it has been reimbursed for expenditures it made

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in relation to the amicus curiae briefs filed by Rep. Schmidt, in accordance with the Ethics Committee ruling.

Respectfully submitted,

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